

Benefits to women defence officers

1537. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cabinet had cleared a policy on 4th of August, 2005 to bring all women defence officers under the SSC which gives the women officers option to leave after ten years or get absorbed and avail equal rank and pay as their male counterparts for four more years but it has not been implemented till now;

(b) whether delay in implementing the decision has created great resentment among the women officers;

(c) whether the Defence Minister in the month of June, 2006, issued orders for its immediate implementation; and

(d) what were the other benefits the Ministry has provided to women officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) As per a decision taken by the Government on 4th August, 2005, orders have already been issued giving women officers in Short Service Commission (SSC) a tenure of 14 years with the option to leave the Army after 10 years. Women officers avail rank and pay at par with similarly placed male counterparts in SSC. Similar provisions exist in Navy and Air Force.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Both women and men officers appointed in SSC in the Army will be eligible to get Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel rank after 2, 6 and 13 years of reckonable service respectively.

Impact of CBI raids on India-Israel defence deals

1538. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI raids in connection with the deal for Barak Missile System with Israel during the then Defence Minister's tenure has seriously affected the ongoing defence deals with Israel;